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RESOLUTION 2007-22

Supporting the Expansion of Boundaries for the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary and Underwater Preserve

Whereas, there are 78 known and an estimated 100 undiscovered shipwrecks in Lake Huron in Alpena, Alcona, and Presque Isle Counties; and

Whereas, sanctuary expansion will enable federal financial resources to be utilized in research and discovery missions; and

Whereas, this expansion will provide for coordination of federal, state and local resources for monitoring and law enforcement to enhance maritime heritage resource protection; and

Whereas, educational programming will be expanded to the public, and particularly to school children, in the three counties providing additional awareness of the invaluable local resource that the shipwrecks provide to the region; and

Whereas, this sanctuary expansion will continue to allow for recreational use of maritime heritage resources; and

Whereas, the boundary expansion proposal recommended by the Thunder Bay Sanctuary Advisory Council is an area of approximately 3,662 square miles bounded by the Presque Isle/Cheboygan County line on the north, the Alcona/Iosco County line on the south, and the international border with Canada on the east;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Alpena supports the boundary expansion of the Thunder Bay National Marine Sanctuary for the enhancement of this national treasure located off our shores.

Councilmember Polluch moved the adoption of the above resolution, it was seconded by Councilmember Eiler and carried by unanimous vote.

I, Karen Hebert, City Clerk of the City of Alpena, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the above is a true copy of a resolution adopted by the Municipal Council at a regular meeting held August 6, 2007.

Karen Hebert
City Clerk